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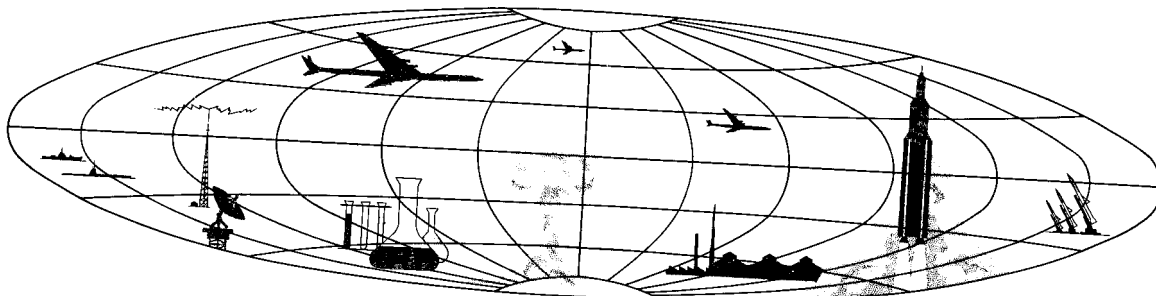


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3403, DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

CHAPARRA SAM SITE 2107N 07626W

25X1D

SITE APPEARS ABANDONED.

25X1D

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

25X1D

SITE INCLUDES 6 LAUNCHERS AND 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 OCCUPIED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD AREAS. ONE LAUNCH POSITION IS REVETTED AND THE GUIDANCE AREA IS REVETTED AND OCCUPIED.

25X1D

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED, OCCUPIED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS. GUIDANCE AREA IS REVETTED AND OCCUPIED. THREE SMALL REVETMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST SIDE OF SITE. EIGHT BOGIE TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 14 OTHER VEHICLES

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ARE IN THE AREA.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE 1959N 07550W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS AND 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS. ALSO PRESENT ARE 6 BOGIE TRAILERS, 2 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND 12 OTHER VEHICLES. GUIDANCE AREA IS OCCUPIED (6 VANS).

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W

25X1D

AREA CONTAINS 24 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WITH PRIME MOVERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER WITHOUT A PRIME MOVER, 4 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND 44 OTHER VEHICLES. APPROXIMATELY 85 MISSILE CANNISTERS OBSERVED.

25X1D

MALDONADO SAM SITE 2012N 07528W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, AND 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS. RADAR IS IN GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AREA, SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

25X1D

SEVEN MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

25X1D

LAUNCH REVETMENTS ARE OCCUPIED. REVETMENTS AT ALTERNATE SITES ARE EMPTY. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 3 UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- ONE HOUND, 4 LIAISON-TYPE, ONE LIGHT
TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

25X1D

-PORTS-

BANES AREA PORT 2055N 07542W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS PC.

25X1D

PUNTA ALEGRE AREA PORT 2223N 07847W

25X1D

VESSELS -- NONE OBSERVED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

25X1D

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL TANKER, ONE LARGE
AND 2 SMALLER FREIGHTERS. ONE BARGE AND 2 ORE
CARRIERS REMAIN ON WEST SIDE OF HARBOR.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOTED.

25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOTED.

25X1D

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES
FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE
QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

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VESSELS -- NONE.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

25X1D

APPROXIMATELY 45 TANKS AND 250 OTHER VEHICLES
OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN DEFENSES OR
FACILITIES.

25X1D

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2121N 07750W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

EL JUCARO MILITARY AREA 2051N 07543W

25X1D

SIX STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS AND 8 SMALLER BUILDINGS ARE
IN AREA. APPROXIMATELY 15 SMALL PROBABLE CARGO
TRAILERS OBSERVED.

25X1D

SIBONEY AREA, LANDING BEACH 1957N 07542W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

NICARO, LANDING BEACH 2042N 07533W

25X1D

NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

25X1D

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY ENCAMPMENT 2057N 07616W

EIGHTEEN CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE ARMoured VEHICLES
ARE IN COMPOUND. THREE POSSIBLE ARMoured VEHICLES
ARE BEHIND BUILDINGS ON NORTH SIDE OF COMPOUND. THREE
RETTED AMMUNITION BUNKERS AND 5 VEHICLES OBSERVED
IN SECURED AREA LOCATED ONE NM NW OF COMPOUND.

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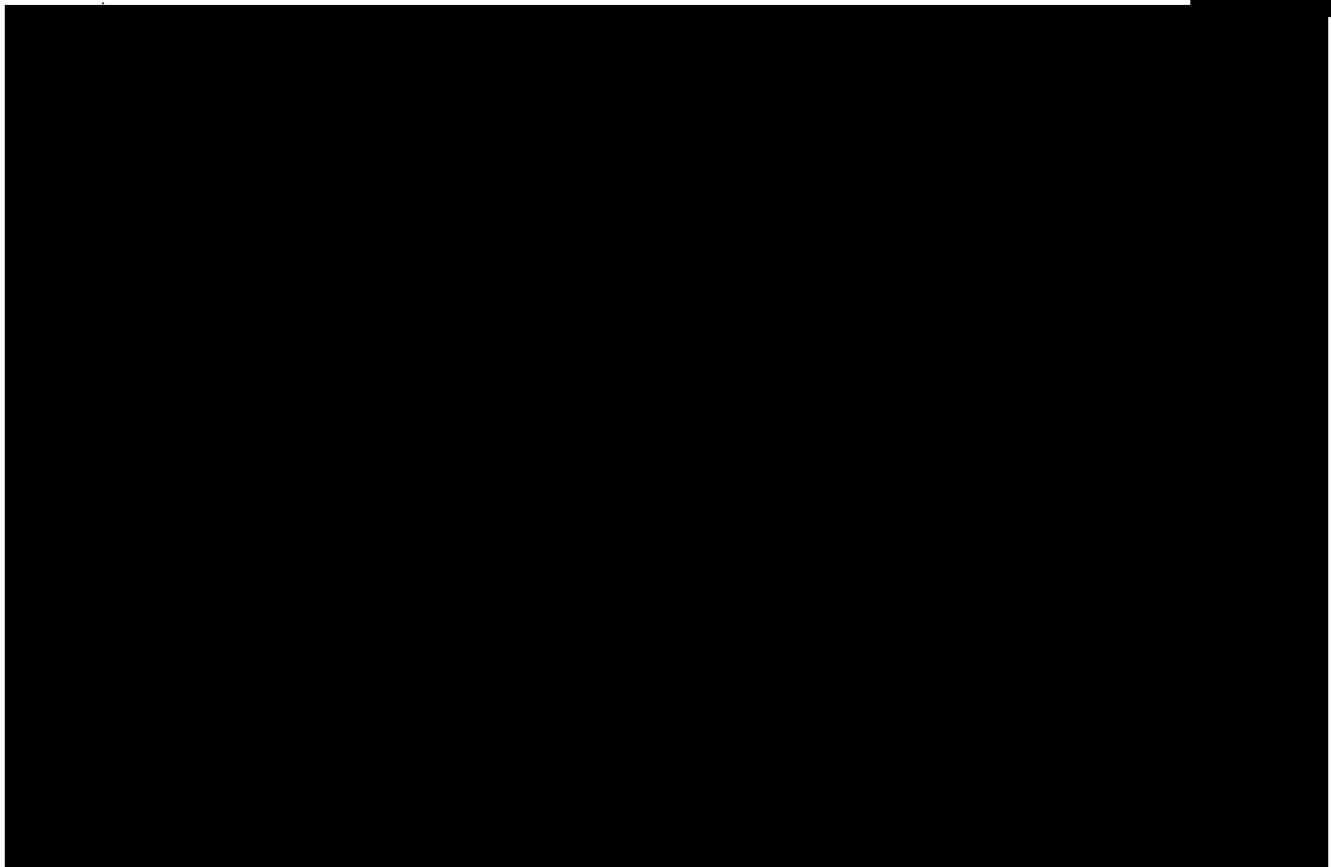


-UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY-

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MAYARI ARriba MILITARY INSTALLATION 2029N 07530W

25X1D



-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

MISSION 3403 DOES NOT COVER ANY TARGETS WEST
OF 80 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED
BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE

2243N 08001W
2239N 07951W
2225N 07935W

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BARTOLOME, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY
 SALAMANCA, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY
 SANTA BARBARA, SUSPECT MISSILE ACTIVITY
 PEPUS (PEPUS), SUSPECT MISSILE ACTIVITY
 SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE
 CAIBARIEN SAM SITE
 LOS ANGELES SAM SITE
 JIGUANI SAM SITE
 CHAMBAS SAM SITE
 CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE
 CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA
 VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA
 CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE
 BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD
 MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP
 BAHIA HONDA AREA, MILITARY CAMP
 REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP
 SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP
 SAN GERMAN, MILITARY ACTIVITY
 CAMAGUEY AREA, SMALL MILITARY CAMP
 VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

2226N 07934W
 2227N 07940W
 2012N 07634W
 2016N 07620W
 2251N 08005W
 2228N 07929W
 2100N 07541W
 2021N 07620W
 2213N 07853W
 2142N 07850W
 2151N 07844W
 2104N 07700W
 2122N 07750W
 2023N 07638W
 2017N 07706W
 2258N 08311W
 2227N 07934W
 2029N 07559W
 2025N 07602W
 2126N 07753W
 2054N 07655W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS WERE NOT COVERED, OR
 WERE NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF ADVERSE WEATHER
 OR OTHER CONDITIONS --

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CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA
 SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE
 CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA
 CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD
 LOS CANOS AIRFIELD
 TRINIDAD AIRFIELD
 BARACOA PORT
 MOA BAY PORT
 CASILDA PORT
 GUANTANAMO AREA 1
 SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

2146N 07958W
 2147N 07929W
 2236N 08005W
 2229N 07955W
 2004N 07509W
 2147N 07959W
 2021N 07430W
 2039N 07454W
 2145N 07959W
 2005N 07523W
 2221N 07957W

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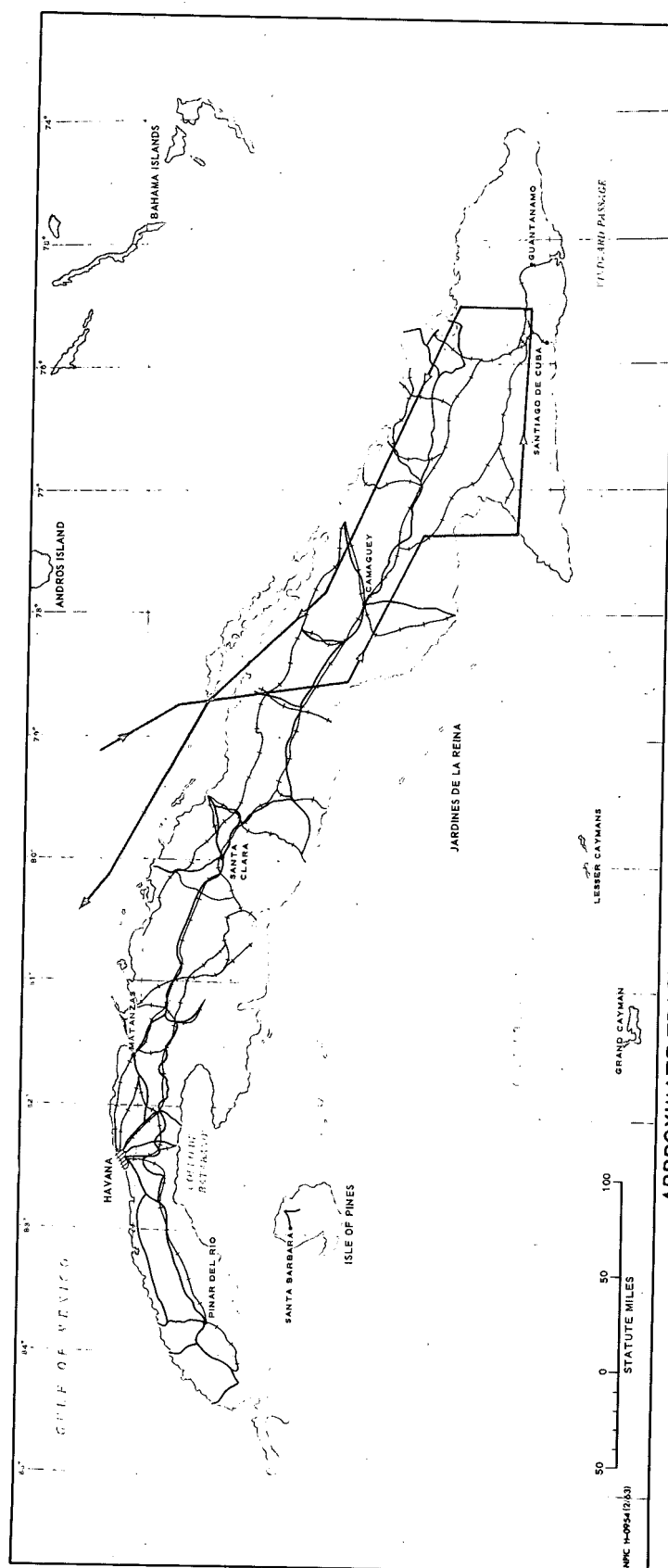
LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST
 PLAYA YATERITAS, LANDING BEACH
 MAYARI ARRIBA, MILITARY INSTALLATION
 LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION
 SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION
 MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE

2146N 07959W
 1959N 07458W
 2029N 07530W
 2208N 08004W
 2224N 07953W
 2206N 07958W

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